

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 1, 2005. Claims 1 and 3 to 12 are in the application, of which Claim 1 remains the sole independent claim. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for her indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2 and 3<sup>1/</sup>. Based on that indication, the substance of Claim 2 has been incorporated into independent Claim 1 by amendment above, and the dependency of Claim 3 has been amended.

The Office Action entered a rejection of Claims 1, 4 and 8 to 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,773,099 (Inoue), and of Claims 5 to 7 under § 103(a) over Inoue in view of U.S. Patent 6,692,119 (Yu). The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of these rejections in an effort to obtain an earlier allowance of the subject application and to expedite issuance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejection.

No other matters being raised, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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<sup>1/</sup>Although page 6 of the Office Action indicates allowable subject matter in Claim 4, it is clear that Claims 2 and 3 were intended. This was confirmed with the Examiner in a telephone conversation held August 5, 2005.

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